

In the Specification

Please amend the specification to replace the paragraphs indicated below with following text. No New Matter is being added in this amendment.

Please amend the paragraph found on page 1, lines 5-10 as follows:

--- The instant application is related to two concurrently assigned and concurrently filed U.S. Patent Applications, PERFORMANCE MARKERS TO MEASURE PERFORMANCE OF FEATURES IN A PROGRAM, Serial No. 09/606,961, filed June 29, 2000, (Attorney Docket M&G 40062.69-US-01) AND PERFORMANCE MARKERS TO MEASURE BENCHMARK TIMING OF FEATURES IN A PROGRAM, Serial No. 09/606,925, filed June 29, 2000, (Attorney Docket No. 40062.69-US-02). ---

Please also amend the paragraph found at page 13, lines 7-18 as follows:

--- Fig. 3 illustrates another application program testing system according to another embodiment of the present invention. An application program 101 being tested consists of an application main body module 301, one or more application specifically defined linked libraries 302-304, one more application specifically defined dynamically linked libraries 312-314, a performance benchmark statically linked library 305, and a performance benchmark dynamically linked library 315. In the past, application programs typically consisted of all the above modules with the exception of the performance benchmark statically linked library 305 and the performance benchmark dynamically linked library 315. An application developer who writes the application program 101 has specified a collection of processing modules, which may not be

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organized into the various libraries. These modules are combined together to create the application program 101 that the application developer wishes to test. ---

Please also amend the paragraph found at page 17, line 15 through page 18, line 2 as follows:

-- Once all the processing has been completed, the unInit module 403 is called using unInit call 413. This module 403 also checks to determine if the Init module 401 has indicated that benchmark processing is to occur. If this benchmark processing is not to occur, the linked unInit module 403 simply returns to the application program 101. If the benchmark processing is to occur, the linked uninit module 403 calls the corresponding unInit DLL module 423. The unInit DLL 423 module retrieves all of the benchmark data records from the memory block 424, formats them appropriately, and stores these records within the mass storage device 111. Once these records reach the mass storage device 111, further analysis, review, and subsequent processing may be performed by the application developer as needed. --

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### In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 16, 20 and 24 as shown below:

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1. (ONCE AMENDED) A computing system having a mass storage device and a system timer for obtaining benchmark timing for a portion of an application program execution, the application program having permanently inserted performance markers, the computing system comprising:

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a mass storage system;